

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Figure 3 to replace reference numeral 54 with reference number 52 to comport with the specification.

Attachment: Replacement sheet Figure 3
 Annotated sheet Figure 3 showing changes

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 8, 2007, claims 39-69 are pending and stand rejected. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show “screen document 52 in Figure 3” as described in the specification. Claims 39-69 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,097,371 (“Siddiqui”). Applicant amends Figure 3 to replace reference numeral 54 with reference numeral 52 as used to identify the screen document in the specification, thereby obviating the objection to the drawings. Applicant adds claim 70, cancels claims 40 and 41 without prejudice, and amends claims 39, 43—51, 54—56, and 61—69 to more clearly recite the characteristics of the recited internal representation. No new matter is added.

Amended independent claim 39 recites a method for providing a user interface. The method includes the receipt by a document processing system of multiple content documents associated with respective application programs. Each content document is in a file format that correspond to its respective application programs. The content documents are then translated by the document processing system into internal representations of the content documents. The internal representations are in a common format that is different than any of the formats associated with the application programs to which the content documents correspond. The internal representations of the content documents describe the respective documents as collections of objects and parameters defining properties of the objects within each document.

The method further includes the document processing system providing a tool document file. The tool document file corresponds to a graphical tool that performs a user interface function in relation to the content documents. The document tool file stores information about the graphical tool in the internal representation used to describe the plurality of content documents. Amended independent claim 39 also recites that the method includes generating and then rendering a screen document that includes the internal representation of at least one of the content documents and the graphical tool.

In summary, the method recited in claim 39 includes the receipt and subsequent translation of content documents into a common format, the provision of a graphical tool in the same common

format, and the generation and rendering of a screen document that includes at least one of the documents and the graphical tool using the common format. Siddiqui fails to describe, teach, or suggest this combination of elements. More specifically, Siddiqui fails to describe, teach, or suggest the translation of a plurality of content documents into a common format that is different than their original format, or the provision of a graphical tool that also shares the common format.

Therefore, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the §102 rejection of amended independent claim 39. Claims 42—70 depend on claim 39 and add further limitations thereto. Applicants therefore request reconsideration and withdrawal of the §102 rejections of claims 42—69 and allowance of new claim 70.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response other than as reflected on the enclosed Amendment Transmittal. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. PGLD-P02-003 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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ANNOTATED SHEET



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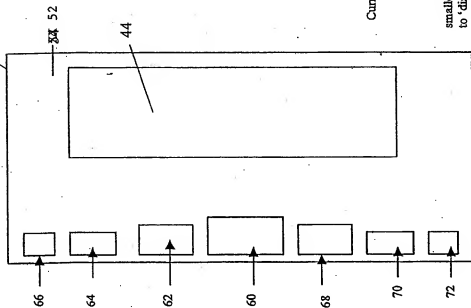


Figure 3

Current view

smaller views proportional
to 'distance' from current page